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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill includes several changes to criminal statutes involving the issue of human trafficking. The following are added to the list of trafficking-related felonies: threatening to control access to an addictive controlled substance; using means to coerce, threaten or intimidate; using or threatening to use force or violence; and causing or threatening to cause an individual to act against the individual's will.

The bill expands the current statute allowing for expungement of criminal records to include certain acts related to human trafficking. In addition, it contains new provisions for forfeiture of property by persons convicted of crimes.

It is impossible to predict how many crimes, motions for expungement or actions involving criminal forfeitures will be filed in the circuit court. Additional proceedings require additional judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. Felony proceedings generally require additional court appearances and more court hearings than misdemeanors. These costs are borne by both the state and the county. An accurate estimate of the additional costs is impossible with the data available.

To determine the impact on required judicial resources of specific types of court actions, we have relied on the Judicial Needs Assessment 2006, submitted to the Director of State Courts by the National Center for State Courts. For this study, all Wisconsin judges and court commissioners participated in a time study designed to measure the time currently spent processing different types of cases from initial filing to final resolution. Among the case types studied were felony and misdemeanor cases. According to the study, felony cases took 162.8 minutes of judicial time, while misdemeanor cases took 27.7 minutes of judicial time.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications